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NEW STATE BSU COUNCIL—Members of the new State BSU Council, elected at the State BSU Retreat last week at Decatur, along with Rev. Ralph B. Winders, state BSU secretary, are shown, from left: Mr. Winders; secretary, Miss Kay Smith, Delta State; devotional vice-president, Miss Shirley Nickell, Blue Mountain; president, Julius Collum, Ole Miss; social vice-president, Miss Truman McKenzie, Mississippi Southern; enlistment vice-president, Ron Stewart, William Carey; Student Director Representative, Miss Betty Jeane Weeks, MSCW. Not shown are pastor-advisor, Rev. D. C. Applegate, pastor, First Church, Starkville; and faculty advisor, Alex McKeigney, Mississippi State College.

Blue Mt. College Debt-Free

By LAWRENCE T. LOWRY, President

Current enrollment for Blue Mountain College for the session 1957-58 is 317. For the last fiscal year, including summer session, the registrations have numbered 520 different individuals. And the College is now wholly free of debt!

About eight years ago, our central heating plant burned, and we had no choice but to erect its successor, which cost about \$50,000 more than the insurance proceeds. We have gradually reduced this indebtedness, and we are glad to report that the entire sum has now been liquidated, and Blue Mountain is now completely debt-free.

Our physical plant and equipment are valued at approximately \$1,600,000.00 (replacement value). Our endowment fund is over three-fifths of a million dollars and is managed admirably by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. It brings an income of about \$30,000.00 annually.

Our catalogue states that the primary objective of Blue Mountain College is to train young women for Christian homemaking. A study of sixty-five successive graduating classes revealed the fact that approximately 82 per cent of our alumnae have become homemakers.

To Foreign Fields

About forty Baptist women who were trained in Blue Mountain College have gone to the foreign mission field, while innumerable others have become

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SBC Parking Facilities To Be Excellent

HOUSTON — (BP) — Parking facilities are excellent in the vicinity of all meeting places for the Southern Baptist Convention and related groups, the Houston arrangements committee reports.

"Especially do we have good parking grounds around the Coliseum," according to Ray Mayfield, pastor of Houston's West University Baptist Church. The Coliseum is site of the meeting of the Convention proper from Tuesday night through Friday night.

The Coliseum and First Baptist Church, site of the Pastors Conference, are in walking distance.

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Baptist Layman Wins Landslide Victory In Canadian Election

PRINCE ALBERT, Saskatchewan, Canada — (BWA) — John G. Diefenbaker leader of his party in the greatest political landslide in Canadian history, celebrated his victory by coming home from the capital at Ottawa to see his 85-year-old Baptist mother.

"Be humble," she told him from her hospital bed. "When one has so much power, he must use it with care."

Active Baptist

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, an active Baptist in a land where Anglicans and Catholics predominate, had just been handed the greatest political power ever known to a Canadian leader.

Having served nine months as prime minister with only 133 members of his Conservative Party in the 265-seat House of Commons, Diefenbaker staked everything on a special election. When the votes were counted, the Conservatives held 208 of the 265 seats. He carried even

French Quebec, traditionally a Liberal stronghold.

Mr. Diefenbaker is a plain man, tall and affable, the son of an Ontario school teacher, and an active lay leader in his church. He neither smokes or drinks, and never makes political speeches on Sunday. Mrs. Diefenbaker is the daughter of a Baptist minister.

Baptist young people of the world will have a chance to know Mr. Diefenbaker when he addresses the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto June 27-July 2. His message on World Peace is slated for Sunday evening, June 29.

Jubilee Celebration For Atlantic City Proposed

HOUSTON (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to "approve and join" a celebration of the founding of the Triennial Convention. The celebration will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., May 18-24, 1964.

The recommendation will be presented to the Convention at its meeting here in May by C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., minister who is general chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee.

The Triennial Convention — formally known as the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions — was organized at Philadelphia in 1814.

First Organization

It was the first nationwide organization of Baptists in North America. The year 1964 marks the third jubilee, or 150th anniversary, of the founding of that organization.

Seven Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada

are taking part in the celebration. They represent 19 million Baptists.

Warren declared "It is contemplated that the participating bodies will hold their annual conventions in or near Atlantic City immediately preceding or following the date set for the Jubilee Celebration, so that as many as possible may attend."

Southern Baptists have never held their annual Convention in Philadelphia or Atlantic City. The easternmost city in which the Convention has met was Baltimore, and the last time it met there was in 1940.

Warren also asks that the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee be continued by the Convention for another year. This committee is responsible for recommending plans for observing the sesquicentennial.

CIRCULATION

This Week 88,396
Gain 323

Leads Urgent Sharing

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BWA)

—Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, co-chairman of a Baptist World Alliance Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training (and a native Mississippian) that "the greatest single need" of Baptist in countries around the world is "attractive and adequate literature in the language of the people."

Writing in *The Baptist World*, monthly publication of the BWA, Dr. Dobbins told of a preliminary survey he had made of Bible study and membership training problems both through a round-the-world tour last summer and correspondence with leaders of more than 100 Baptist bodies affiliated with the Alliance.

"Along with much that is encouraging," he said, "we found that Bible teaching and membership training are relatively neglected activities in the majority of our Baptist bodies."

To Stimulate Work

He called for an international sharing of ideas and methods to stimulate work in the more needful areas.

Dr. Dobbins, professor of church administration at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., shares the Commission chairmanship with Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, executive director of Christian publications for the American Baptist Convention, Philadelphia.

Dr. Dobbins said his Commission's research has discovered that "in the main, the Sunday School is a children's affair from which they are graduated at about age 14.55. These schools usually are held on Sunday afternoons. In few cases did his reports show an organized plan of membership training beyond that of the pastor's class for prospective church members."

To Include All Ages

Yet, everywhere, he said, there was demonstrated on all continents "a deep and growing interest" in the possibility of enlarging these plans to include people of all ages.

The need for attractive and adequate literature in the native languages was reported "almost unanimously" as the "most urgent need."

"In some cases," Dr. Dobbins continued, "the only help available for Bible study are mimeographed materials, often translated from printed helps from abroad. Such literature as Baptists in America have in great abundance for use in such organizations as Baptist Training Union and Baptist Youth Fellowship are entirely absent."



Dr. J. Howard Williams

Ft. Worth Seminary Head Dies

FORT WORTH — Dr. J. Howard Williams, 63, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here since 1953 and a long-time leader in the Baptist denomination, died Sunday.

Dr. Williams took over as fourth president of the seminary in 1953 and launched a 10-million dollar expansion program. He was a native of Dallas.

Dr. Williams had twice been executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 1931-36 and 1946-53.

He was pastor of several of the larger churches of the Convention, including First Church, Oklahoma City and First Church, Amarillo, Texas.

Wed To Floy Kelly

He had been a chaplain in World War I and had traveled extensively.

He was married to Miss Floy Kelly in 1920 and there were five children born to the union.

The well-known leader was educated at Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Southwestern Seminary and did graduate study at Southern Seminary.

He had served as president of the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University; a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for five years and president for one term; and at his death was a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

World's Largest

Southwestern Seminary, which Dr. Williams had headed since 1953 has become not only Southern Baptists' largest theological seminary but is also the largest such school in the world.



DR. BERRY HONORED—Dr. M. F. L. Berry, former president of Hillman College, was honored with a surprise "This Is Your Life" program by the Clinton Church on Thursday night of last week. In above photo Dr. and Mrs. Berry look over the volume of congratulatory letters received from many friends and well-wishers. He also received a cash gift and a Bible.

Moscow Hears U.S. Baptists

MOSCOW — More than 2,000 Russians packed into Moscow's small Baptist church this last Sunday morning to hear three visitors from the United States.

The Americans were Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president of the American Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Cranford and Representative Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The congregation chorused "bless you" and "thank you" repeatedly. Some members of the audience wept. Most present were middle-aged or elderly women wrapped in shawls but there was a sprinkling of young

er persons.

MOSCOW (RNS)—Rep. Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president of the American Baptist Convention, arrived here to worship and confer with Russian coreligionists.

Met By Zhidkov

They were met at the Moscow airport by their host, Dr. Yakov Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists). He was accompanied by Ilya Ivanov, the council's treasurer, and Miss Klavdia Tyrtova, staff member of the Moscow Baptist church. All three were in the United

States in 1956 as guests of major American Baptist bodies.

Also present was Theodore Eliot, second secretary of the American Embassy here. Since the visitors came here solely as tourists, the only Russian officials to meet them were employees of the Soviet tourist agency.

The American visitors were escorted to the Metropol hotel in the heart of Moscow where they planned to reside during their stay here.

Congressman Hays and Dr. Cranford were scheduled to start their discussions with Russian church officials the day after their arrival. They also were expected to speak in Moscow's First Baptist church.

Midway To Hear Testimony Of Fighter Pilot

Rev. William F. Evans, pastor of Midway Church, Jackson, has announced that Major David T. Davidson, a veteran fighter pilot for the United States Air Force, has been secured as the Speaker of the Month for the Training Union hour at that church for Sunday, April 20. This series, originally initiated for the benefit of the young people, has been expanded by popular demand to include other age groups.

Major Davidson, a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, is a senior pilot with almost 5,000 hours in fighter aircraft. His flying experience includes 159 combat missions, totalling almost 400 combat hours compiled during World War II and the Korean conflict.

He flew 44 combat missions during World War II before being forced to bail out of his crippled aircraft over Germany.

During the Korean conflict Major Davidson flew 117 combat missions in the F-86 sabre-jet over Mig Alley. He was credited with destroying two MIGs and damaging a third during aerial combat.

Major Davidson, a native of Texas, is presently serving as the commander of the 480th Fighter Bomber Squadron at England Air Force Base.

Major Davidson will speak at 6:00 p. m. at Midway Church and will tell the story of his conversion to Christianity and what God has meant to him in his career and in his life.

Gray's Creek Calls Puckett

Gray's Creek Church in DeSoto County has recently called as pastor Rev. C. D. Puckett of Memphis.

Mr. Puckett was ordained to the gospel ministry at his home church, Winchester Baptist Church of Memphis, on Sunday, March 30, at 2:30 p. m.



SHOWN ABOVE IS THE group of girls and the r counselors and leaders who took part in the first Girls' Auxiliary Coronation Service ever held at Monticello Church.

The first Girls' Auxiliary Coronation Service ever sponsored at Monticello Church was held on Sunday evening, March 30, under the supervision of Mrs. C. A. Pounders, G. A. Director, and Mrs. E. W. Clinton, W. M. U. President.

Mrs. Marshall Douglas, Lawrence Association G. A. Director, and Mrs. Troy W. Davis, Intermediate G. A. counselor at Monticello, crowned the three Queens, Marnee Louise Allen, Betty Sue Burkett, and Sara Jane Burkett.

Assisting were Mrs. E. C. Bufkin, Mrs. W. T. Reiser, Mrs. L. O. Burkett, and Mrs. E. W. Fortenberry, Junior G. A. counselors.

Mrs. J. L. Rutledge served as organist and Miss Marilyn Walker as song leader. Rev. John G. McDonald, pastor, led the benediction.

Maidens were Susan Allen, Martha Hunter, Gail Cox, Mary Eleanor Bufkin, Sheila Dickey, Janice Fortenberry, Jane George, Madelyn Graham, Judy McDonald, Brenda McAulay,

Donna Nelson, Pamela Pridgen, Sara Sue Smith, and April Thames.

Ladies in Waiting were Genevieve Atwood, Martha Lou Hathorn and Nora Beth Thames; Princesses were Diann Beeson, Anita Carroll Clinton, Elizabeth Denison, Judy Dickey, Virginia Fortenberry and Barbara Smith.

Cynthia Poole and Cathey Walker were the flower girls. Jack Nelson gave the fanfare on the trumpet before the arrival of each group.

MONTREAL — A flood of "immoral and seductive" literature here is contributing "to the corruption of a whole generation," a statement signed by Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders said.

Mrs. Hattie Ellis Dies In Belzoni

Mrs. Hattie Bridgers Ellis died in Belzoni on Saturday, March 1. Mrs. Ellis was for 36 years a member of First Baptist Church, Belzoni, Rev. C. A. Molpus, pastor.

A talented musician, she served capably as church pianist for a long period of time.

The members of the church have adopted resolutions in appreciation of "this faithful member who was vitally interested in the success of the church program as evidenced by her service."

Millsaps Elects B. S. U. Council



Jeanette Lundquist

The 1958-59 Baptist Student Union executive council at Millsaps was elected Monday, April 14. Jeanette Lundquist from Jackson was elected president.

Other students on the council are: Franz Epting, Forest, enlistment chairman; Jeannine Adcock, Jackson, devotional chairman; Elizabeth Ann Clark, Mount Olive, social chairman; Mary Carol Caughman, Laurel, secretary and treasurer; Malese Brunson, Jackson, missions chairman; Charlotte Ogden, Macon, music chairman; Betty Blue, Jackson, publicity chairman; Linda Cooper, Jackson, Sunday School representative; Anita Matthews, McComb, Training Union representative; and Amanda Farmer, Taylorsville, Christian Council representative.

Adult advisors are: Mrs. K. E. Heder, faculty advisor; Rev. Henry Crouch, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, pastor advisor; and Miss Kathryn Jasper, B. S. U. Director.

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KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

DEVOTIONAL

"WAIT"!!

By DR. JOHN G. McCALL, Pastor
First Church, Vicksburg

"Wait!" We in this age like neither the word nor the warning. Ours is an age characterized by activity. We are in a hurry, and to have to wait is irksome beyond expression. Someone has said that there was a time when, if a man missed a train he would shrug his shoulders and say, "Oh well, there'll be another along next week." But not now—now if a man misses one section of a revolving door his schedule is upset for the entire day. Life is lived at such a high pitch of activity.

God's Command

Yet "wait!" is the command we receive from God's word and the results of waiting are marvelous indeed: "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart" (Psalm 27:14). We need, first of all, to wait before God in worship and prayer. "I don't want anything," said a little girl, coming into her father's study. "I just want to be near you and be quiet." How we need this kind of worshipful waiting before God wherein we pray;

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our feverish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful minds;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

Life looks different when we pray and worship truly in that spirit. Further, we are to wait on God in the sense of serving Him. We call those who serve us in restaurants waiters—so we wait on God by serving Him and doing His bidding.

To Tarry

To wait means also to tarry, to stand still, not to rush ahead. And we are to do just that where God is concerned. How we like to run ahead of God or how we would like to rush Him but we waste our time and His when we do, for He will act in power in His own good way and time and there are times when we simply must wait, or fail to discern His will and receive His power.

So, if we are wise we shall learn to wait—for in waiting is cleansing, direction and power, and how desperately do we need them these days.

Whoosh! Brotherhood Unit Is Launched Into Orbit

COCOA BEACH, Fla. (BP)—A group of Baptist laymen organizing a new Baptist Brotherhood unit at the Baptist chapel here must have thought their program and a launching at adjacent Cape Canaveral had been confused.

It listed such events for the night as "blast off time, fuel mixture, static test, crew briefing, count down, charting the course, final adjustments, and blast off."

The chapel's worshippers include some from Cape Canaveral, where America has launched three earth-circling satellites and many long-range guided missiles.

However, it was the correct program. "Blast off time" was the starting hour for the meeting. "Fuel mixture" was the menu for their banquet. "Static test"—a quartet.

"Crew briefing" was a period of presenting the time and purpose of the Baptist Brotherhood. "Count down" was a solo. "Charting the course" turned out to be a discussion of Brotherhood activities for 1958.



Rev. Milton A. Webb

SPRING HILL CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Milton A. Webb, called to pastor the Spring Hill Church, Hazlehurst, and his family, were recently honored with a surprise reception, dinner, and pounding.

The pastor and his wife, the former Jeaf Davis, are natives of Memphis, Tenn., and are enrolled at the New Orleans Seminary. Webb was graduated from Memphis State University in June, 1956. They have two children, a son, Trent, age 13, and a daughter, Karen, age 10.

He was choir director of the Merton Avenue, Malcomb Ave., Winchester, and Barton Heights Baptist Churches in Memphis, and Interim Pastor of the Cherry Road Baptist Mission before the calling of their first pastor. Mrs. Webb was active in the full programs of the above mentioned churches.

April Homecoming

New Salem Church Cemetery Association Inc., Franklin County, will observe its annual Homecoming Day April 27.

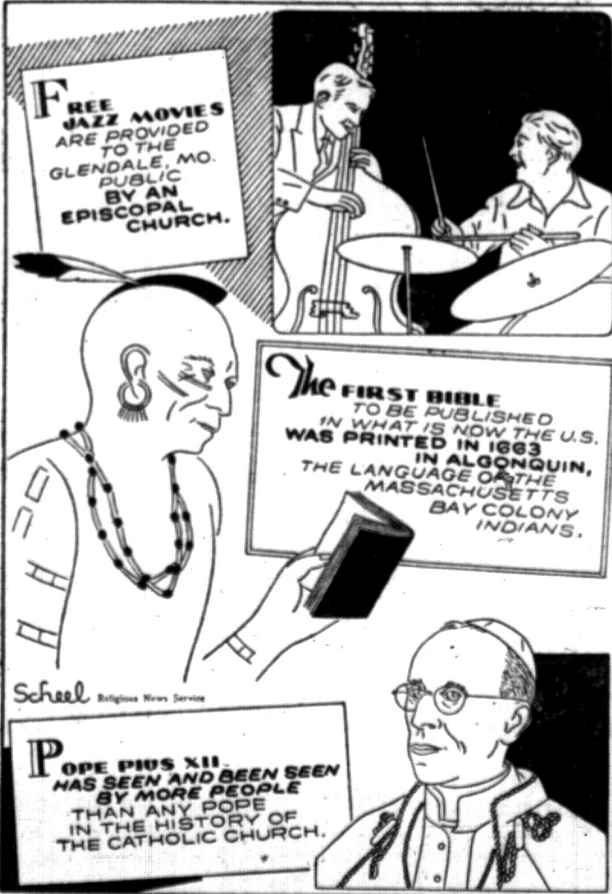
Rev. Pat Lofton of Arlington Church, Lincoln County, will be principal speaker.

Miss Doris Vaughn, Friendship Church, Lincoln County, will direct the song service.

Miss Patricia Herring of Emmanuel Church, Natchez, is the pianist.

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Schee

T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF



REPORTS ACP PAPERS HAVE 14,021,000 CIRCULATION

CHICAGO (RNS) — Member papers of the Associated Church Press have a total circulation of 14,021,008. It was reported here to the group's 39th annual meeting by Peter Day of Milwaukee, Wis., president.

Mr. Day, editor of The Living Church, Episcopal news weekly, said 12 new publications were voted into membership in the ACP, bringing the total number to 158.

The ACP comprises editors of Protestant and Orthodox publications in the United States and Canada.

The Baptist Record is a member publication. Dr. W. C. Fields, editor, was one of the

New Church In George County

The Northside Church, first Southern Baptist church constituted in George County in over 20 years, held the first service in its new worship auditorium.

Formerly a mission of the Lucedale Church, Northside was constituted a church in 1955. Now served by Rev. C. E. Goff, of Pascagoula, the group worked heroically in the erection of the new building, the first unit of a plan which will finally provide for the needs of a membership of about 250.

With some financial assistance from the Lucedale Church, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and individuals, coupled with the labor of the pastor, members of the congregation, and Rev. N. H. Smith, pastor of Shady Grove Church, George County Association, a building of concrete block construction, 30 feet by 40 feet, has been almost completed at a cost of less than half a contract price.



Rev. Billy Dewese

Beacon Street Ordains Preacher

Billy Dewese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Dewese and grandson of Mrs. H. H. Dewese, of Philadelphia, was licensed to preach by the Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, April 13.

The 21-year old preacher is a graduate of Philadelphia High school, and has attended State College one year.

Now a student at Clark College, he comes from a "preacher family," including his grandfather, Rev. F. M. Breland; his great grandfather, Rev. Oliver Breland; uncles, Rev. John Breland, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Liberty, Texas, and Rev. Wilbur Breland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rutherford, Tenn.; and several cousins.

Rev. Billy J. Kellogg is pastor at Beacon Street.

Donate Cobalt Unit

HARLINGEN, Tex. (BP) — A death in the family from cancer has led two South Texans to give a \$125,000 cobalt unit to Valley Baptist Hospital here.

The unit is used to treat cancer. Donors are John Orville Reber, 87, and his sister, Miss Louanna Reber, 89, both of Harlingen. The cobalt unit is in memory of their sister, Miss Winnie May Reber who died last June 13 at the age of 84.

AID PIONEER MISSIONS!

DALLAS — Mississippi Baptists can help strengthen pioneer mission work in Wisconsin and Minnesota by supplying names of Southern Baptists living in the two-state area to the association's superintendent of missions, a Texas Baptist leader said this week.

"Many Southern Baptists who formerly lived in Southern states have moved to Wisconsin and Minnesota to work in industry," said Dr. J. Woodrow Fuller, associate executive secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. "And their help is needed in expanding the work of eight Southern Baptist churches now underway in the area."

Texas Baptists have jointly sponsored pioneer mission work in the two-state area with the SBC Home Mission Board since November, 1956.

Names of former Mississippi residents now living in the area should be sent to Frank B. Burrell, Superintendent of Missions, 4146 Cherokee Drive, Madison 5, Wisconsin.

"Pioneer missions," said Dr. Fuller, "offer one of the best opportunities for Southern Baptists to meet the challenge of the 30,000 Movement. If Wisconsin-Minnesota churches can contact Baptists already living in the area, new churches, missions and preaching stations can be launched more effectively."

Plans Made For Youth Revival At Pleasant Ridge

Youth Week was observed in Pleasant Ridge (Holmes) Church last week, with the young people of the church in full charge of the services.

The officers elected to serve during the week were: Superintendent, Billy McDaniel; Training Union Director, Peggy Williams; Song Leader, Aubrey Johnson; Ushers, Wallace McDaniel and John Alderman.

April 9, Golda Horne conducted Prayer Meeting, and James Sanford brought the message at the morning service April 13. The choir was composed of young people.

Youth Revival services will be held at 7:00 p. m. April 18 and 19 and at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday, April 20. The revival speaker will be David Skinner, pastor of Beulah Church, Holmes County, and a student at Mississippi College. Rev. Venton L. Alderman is pastor.

CONCORD CALLS J. H. BETHUNE

Concord Church, Rankin County, has called Rev. John Harold Bethune as pastor.

A student at Mississippi College, Bethune comes from the Montpelier Church.

He is married and the father of three children. When he and his family moved to the pastor at Concord they were given a surprise shower by members of the church.

Off The Record

A Second Grade teacher recently discovered one of her pupils singing with all seriousness: "My Country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died; lands of the pills inside."

The Husband: "I wish you wouldn't talk while I'm shaving. You've made me cut my chin!"

The Wife: "Never mind, dear—you've got two more."

Teacher: Where is the Dead Sea?

Tommy: "Don't know, ma'am."

"Don't know where the Dead Sea is?"

"No, ma'am. I didn't even know any of them was sick."

Freshman: "Please, Mama, could I go out tonight?"

Sophomore: "May I go out tonight? I'll be home by ten o'clock."

Junior: "I'm going out tonight."

Senior: "Good night, folks. I'll bring in the milk."

Customer: "The sausages you sent me were meat at one end and bread crumbs at the other."

Grocer: "Alas, madam, that's true! In these days it is very difficult to make both ends meet."

When a minister moved from one community to another, a civic luncheon club invited him to become a member but pointed out that they had no opening in his classification. They looked over the list and found that the only vacancy was that of "hog caller." The preacher replied, "Well, in my old community they called me 'shepherd of the flock,' but if 'hog caller' fits the situation here, it's all right with me." (Brooks Hays)